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Friday, *the*

30th of Meenam 1104.

The House met at Half-past Eleven of the Clock with the President in the Chair. Mr. A. Eachara Menon, Dr. A. G. Menon and Mr. Ouseph P. Kundukulam were absent.

Questions and Answers.

Appointment of Backward Classes into the service.

6 0. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there is any sort of communication sent by the Government to the Heads of Departments or Heads of offices to the effect that in the matter of appointments preference should be shown to some of the backward classes or backward classes in general;

(b) whether these instructions have been regularly carried out;

(c) whether the Government, any Departmental Head or Head of an office has received repeated petitions from one Marimuttu Pandaram of Vadakkancheri for the last 1 or 2 years praying for a place in any Department of the State service;

(d) what has been done with his petitions;

(e) whether the Government is aware that the applicant is the only member of his community in the State having passed the School Final Examination ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) Yes, in respect of the Ezhuva section of the backward classes.

(b) Yes, as far as practicable.

(c) Yes.

(d) The Diwan directed him to apply to the Heads of Departments and some of them who received his petition have registered his name for consideration when vacancies arise.

(e) He says so. Government have no other information.

Government orders regarding appointments of Backward Classes.

611. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the Council Table a statement showing:—

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(a) a caste-war statement of the members of the backward classes who have been entertained by the Government during the last 5 years;

(b) were there any sort of communication issued by the Government to Heads of Departments and offices to prefer applicants from a particular community or communities amongst the backward classes in the matter of appointments to the lower grades of the service;

(c) if the answer to (b) be in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state the names of these communities and the reason why such preference was shown?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) A statement containing the information so far collected is appended. (*Vide Appendix I.*)

(b) Yes.

(c) Ezhuvas. The order was issued as the result of a memorial submitted by them to His Highness the Maharaja, Government having been satisfied that their case deserved consideration.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—With reference to the answer to sub-division (c), may I know whether the Government has any objection to make the order generally applicable to all the backward communities?

President.—Have you finished putting the question? If you have, please sit down.

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—There is the order issued. I did not understand the question.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—My information is that that one refers to Ezhuvas only. What I want to know is whether there is any objection for making that order generally applicable to all backward communities? Now it is seen that it is applicable to one particular community only.

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—That order cannot be made generally applicable. If there is necessity, fresh orders will have to be issued. That order was issued in connection with a memorial submitted by a particular community—the Ezhuva community.

Appointments on Rs. 100 and above and promotions to officers.

612. Mr. M. K. Raman.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table a statement containing the following particulars, namely, the names of all officers who were given promotions or newly appointed in service during the last 5 years on posts carrying a pay of Rs. 100 and above?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Government regret that no further information than what is available in the *Civil Lists* of the last 5 years can be furnished.

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Amount spent for storing water in Muriyad.

689. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the total amount expended for storing up of water in Muriyad?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Rs. 2,000 up to 28th Meenam 1104.

List of persons in the Nelluvay village qualified to be Panchayat Members.

690. **Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table a list of the persons in the Nelluvay village who are qualified to be Panchayat members?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—No list is maintained.

APPENDIX I.

(Vide answer to Question No. 611.)

Caste-wise statement of the members of the backward classes entertained by the Government during the last 5 years.

No.	Names of the classes or communities.	Number of appointments made
1	Valan	20
2	Ezhuvas	245
3	Goldsmith	3
4	Eluthassans	38
5	Muslims	88
6	Chakkan	3
7	Kaniar Panikkan	2
8	Pandaran	3
9	Chetti	8
10	Veluthedan	6
11	Chakkylian	1
12	Pulayas	20
13	Carpenter	7
14	Jew	2
15	Blacksmith	6
16	Theendi Thattan	2
17	Malayas	13
18	Kadirs	57
19	Chalians	5
20	Naidu	1
21	Pillai	2
22	Moosari	1
23	Kaikolan	1
24	Pandithattan	1
25	Barber	6
26	Velan	1

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